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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Representative Murtha on "Soviet Military Supremacy"

1. On 18 June 1985 at 1030 hours in Room 2423 Rayburn House Office Building, Congressman John Murtha (D., PA) was briefed by Doug MacEachin and [] DI/SOVA, in response to the attached letter. They were accompanied by [] Office of Legislative Liaison; Mr. Murtha was accompanied by John Plashal and Bob Davis, staffers from the Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee. The briefing was conducted at the Secret level. []

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2. They answered Mr. Murtha's first six questions as annotated on the attached letter and then engaged in a general discussion of current political developments in the Soviet Union. Mr. MacEachin made clear that because Mr. Sullivan was a former employee of the Agency we were not willing to produce a written review of his book. Mr. Murtha understood and said that his main concern was whether or not the data used by Mr. Sullivan was accurate. Mr. MacEachin said that in some cases- [] -Mr. Sullivan's point was well taken, but his data base appeared faulty, and that in fact the Community figures [] the number used by Mr. Sullivan. He indicated that he believed Soviet activities were sufficiently ominous that it was not necessary to inflate the figures. Mr. Murtha appreciated the briefing, enjoyed the general opportunity to talk with Mr. MacEachin about his (Murtha's) recent visit to the Soviet Union, and said that he had no further questions about the Sullivan book. []

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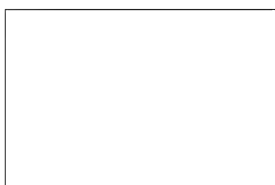
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MEMORANDUM TO: Randy Randolph
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Congressman Murtha of Pennsylvania recently read a book entitled "Soviet Military Supremacy", and he would like the Central Intelligence Agency to verify, or clarify, a number of points made by the author:

1. Statement on page 3 and 23, that Defense spending under President Reagan "is far below the levels President Carter thought necessary for our safety." (Note, I suspect inflation assumptions of 1980 have "buggered" the statistics behind the author's claim). STAT
2. Check the facts by the author on chemical and biological warfare. STAT
3. Check statement on page 19 that the Cuban Army has 25 active Soviet-model combat divisions with units deployed in Central America and Africa. STAT
4. First sentence of the footnote on page 23, which mentions the level of Soviet spending on strategic nuclear systems. STAT
5. Check facts on civil defense. STAT
6. Comment on the author's point (page 33 and 34) that the Soviets have placed in orbit a prototype Synthetic Aperture Radar as a step toward developing a capability to detect submerged submarines. STAT
7. Also, please peruse the book to check for inconsistencies or inaccuracies.

Respectfully,

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 House Appropriations Committee
 Defense Subcommittee